

# Planning Committee may vote on proposed Loop 202

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Monday night's meeting of the Ahwatukee Foothills Village Planning Committee includes a non-binding up or down vote on the proposed South Mountain Loop 202.

But some members of the committee want to hold off until the design of the freeway is unveiled before saying yay or nay. Others have opposed the freeway on Pecos Road in the past and continue to oppose the freeway on Pecos Road today.

"We've already voted against it twice," said committee member Max Masel Thursday during a meeting between Arizona Department of Transportation officials and committee members.

Whatever happens, planning committee chairman Doug Cole summed it up when he said, "Expect a lively meeting on Monday."

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. April 24 at

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## If You Go

**What:** Ahwatukee Foothills Village Planning Committee

**When:** 6 p.m. April 24

**Where:** Ahwatukee Foothills Village Senior Center, 5051 E. Elliot Road

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The Loop 202 was first approved in 1988 to connect Interstate 10 in Ahwatukee Foothills with I-10 near 51st Avenue and passing south of South Mountain. Many people now question if the freeway is adequate to deal with growth in Maricopa, Florence and the rest of Pinal County or with the expected growth anticipated in the West Valley, as far out as Goodyear and 200th Avenue.

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